

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY MAY 8, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 186 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one in the Southwest Area and one each in Southern California, Western Great Basin and Southern Areas. Two large fires were contained in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CACHUMA, Los Padres National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, 12 miles northeast of Santa Ynez, CA. Smoldering and creeping in interior islands was observed. Personnel constructed, strengthened and held the fireline. Steep, rugged terrain hampered containment efforts.

BIG, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in heavy timber and manzanita, six miles northeast of Groveland, CA. Torching, crowning and long range spotting occurred. The Big Creek Shaft Road was closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CACHUMA	CA	LPF	1,127	80	5/8	648	19	26	7	1	1.6M
BIG	CA	TCU	100	90	5/8	UNK	5	15	2	0	NR
EAGLE	CA	RRU	8,900	100	---	215	4	0	0	41	4.9M
CERRITO	CA	RRU	16,460	100	---	475	24	54	0	24	2.3M

RRU = Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

COTTONWOOD, Plumas National Forest. This fire is in timber, 18 miles southeast of Susanville, CA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. The fire burned out heavy ground fuels, and high winds tested firelines. Crews continued mop up and patrol.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COTTONWOOD	CA	PNF	560	90	5/8	173	5	9	0	0	460K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOK MOUNTAIN, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) has been ordered. This fire is in timber, eight miles northeast of Ashland, MT. Steep terrain and active fire behavior hampered containment efforts, but significant progress was made.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COOK MOUNTAIN	MT	CNF	2,000	70	5/9	113	6	3	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONG JIM, Grand Canyon National Park. This fire is in timber and litter, three miles southeast of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Smoldering was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LONG JIM	AZ	GCP	235	80	5/8	72	2	5	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOODY BLUFF FIRE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 14 miles north of Apalachicola, FL in pine. Active fire behavior with spotting up to ¼ mile was observed. Widening of fire lines and burn out operations continued.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLOODY BLUFF FIRE	FL	FLS	450	65	UNK	30	1	4	2	0	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

80 (EIGHTY), Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is 20 miles west of Reno, NV in grass, chaparral and timber. Active fire behavior with running and spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
80 (EIGHTY)	NV	HTF	100	40	5/8	125	5	12	0	0	35K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system off the Pacific coast is poised to move inland this weekend. This system will create very light precipitation in northern California and in portions of the Northwest. The low will also cool temperatures across the East and West Great Basin. Ahead of the system, wind will be gusty in northern Arizona today through Monday. The southeast states will remain dry, while some gusty wind lingers across northern Minnesota.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low clouds and fog in coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas 65 to 80 mountains 85 to 95 valleys 80 to 90 upper deserts 90 to 100 lower deserts	10 to 20%	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Isolated dry thunderstorms possible in western NM, with widely scattered wet thunderstorms in west TX and eastern NM.	60s and 70s mountains 80s and 90s lower elevations	5 to 20% AZ and NM 15 to 30%+ west TX	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph AZ and most of NM, with gusts to 25 mph northwest AZ. South 10 to 20 mph and gusty west TX and far eastern NM.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					2		2
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES					33	3	36
	ACRES					72	3	75
Northern Rockies	FIRES	24		4		13	0	41
	ACRES	24		24		68	4	120
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		1				0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			3	3	8
	ACRES	2	75			77	3	157
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					90		90
Eastern Area	FIRES	8				73	4	85
	ACRES	14				1,731	13	1,758
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					12		12
TOTAL	FIRES	33	2	4	0	133	14	186
	ACRES	40	76	24	0	2,052	126	2,318

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					40		40
	ACRES					47		47
Northwest	FIRES	30	7	5	3	77	19	141
	ACRES	560	8	8	1	112	190	879
Northern California	FIRES					338	41	379
	ACRES					427	1,244	1,671
Southern California	FIRES	6	7	1	1	603	107	725
	ACRES	645	19	1	0	27,199	157	28,021
Northern Rockies	FIRES	475	10	7		247	66	805
	ACRES	2,541	153	170		5,471	1,053	9,388
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	38	1	2	16	9	67
	ACRES	2	53	1	29	178	492	755
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	7		2	9	6	25
	ACRES	0	46		0	5	165	216
Southwest	FIRES	83	22	1	7	167	107	387
	ACRES	430	2,788	0	240	9,001	4,665	17,124
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	144	12	17	2	111	32	318
	ACRES	3,333	36	792	0	19,057	2,783	26,001
Eastern Area	FIRES	396		32	9	3,736	345	4,518
	ACRES	2,051		1,979	89	47,330	5,436	56,885
Southern Area	FIRES	104		34	17	18,798	478	19,431
	ACRES	15,211		4,312	518	199,566	71,264	290,871
TOTAL	FIRES	1,240	103	98	43	24,142	1,210	26,836
	ACRES	24,773	3,103	7,263	877	308,393	87,449	431,858

Nine Year Average Fires	28,721
Nine Year Average Acres	577,018

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						82	82
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1		13			6	20
	ACRES	154		1,748			279	2,181
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,370	1,370
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		2				1,547	1,549
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		7		11		20
	ACRES	27		937		1,085		2,049
Southern Area	FIRES			1		2	2	5
	ACRES			112		2,022	2,269	4,403
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	21	0	13	14	52
	ACRES	181	2	2,797	0	3,107	5,547	11,634

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1,122		1,122
Northwest	FIRES	30	72	33	0		184	319
	ACRES	4,942	6,773	3,623	30		51,236	66,604
Northern California	FIRES	14	37	8	14		159	232
	ACRES	251	712	13,575	624		19,697	34,859
Southern California	FIRES		10	3	3		67	83
	ACRES		498	332	68		5,606	6,504
Northern Rockies	FIRES	10	5	40	3	30	291	379
	ACRES	907	137	5,348	1,046	1,182	40,473	49,093
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	13	3	4	15	51	87
	ACRES	149	1,869	547	62	1,474	11,228	15,329
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		270	311
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	1,727		41,658	51,443
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	33	71	16	9	101	272
	ACRES	5,117	11,220	13,503	2,969	4,028	38,936	75,773
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		222	16	515	147	915
	ACRES	11,392		31,920	3,524	39,829	26,624	113,289
Southern Area	FIRES	51		128	61	193	992	1,425
	ACRES	8,503		56,465	55,341	115,790	909,907	1,146,006
TOTAL	FIRES	177	187	514	125	764	2,266	4,033
	ACRES	34,057	26,032	125,832	65,391	163,425	1,145,436	1,560,173

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	30	0	101	0	0	131

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	145	641
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	160	894
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	19	322
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	0	0	19	1,244
Quebec	0	0	20	6
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	31	53
Nova Scotia	0	0	9	10
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	2	0
Total	0	0	405	3,170

****The next CIFFC Report will be May 10, 2004. Daily reporting will begin on May 10, 2004. *****

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	2	1	18	1					14	
Northern California	2	4	6	4		1			36	12
Southern California	15	37	28	80		9			94	207
Northern Rockies	6		8			5			31	
Eastern Great Basin		3	5	1						
Western Great Basin	3	2	4	8					9	2
Southwest	3	2	8	11	3	1			15	6
Rocky Mountain	3		6	2		2			1	
Eastern Area			5						7	
Southern Area	1		2	2	1	1				2
Total	35	49	90	109	4	19	0	0	207	229

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